AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 17, of the specification as follows:

The procedure of manufacturing the above double-split cage 1 will be explained below. First of all, as shown in Fig. 4A, one long strip-shaped metallic sheet 20 is formed in a shape so that the cross section can become an M-shape. Then, the rectangular pockets 2 are formed in the longitudinal direction of this strip-shaped metallic sheet 20 with the punching tool 25. After that, predetermined positions of the pillar portions 5 are plastically deformed by stamping so that the pawl-shaped stopping pieces 6, 7 are formed. In Fig. 4, these pawl-shaped stopping pieces 6, 7 are omitted. Then, as shown in Fig. 4B, the strip-shaped metallic sheet is curved into a semi-cylindrical shape by a predetermined length and cut off as shown by one-dotted chain line G1 in the view. This cutting position is determined to be a position in the intermediate portion in the circumferential direction of the pocket 2 in the two arch portions 4A, 4B as close as possible to the pillar portion 5. Due to the foregoing, the double-split cage 1 shown in Fig. 4C can be obtained. After that, as shown in Fig. ~~4D~~4C, the cutting end 21, which has been left on the strip-shaped metallic plate 20, is cut off again as shown by the one-dotted chain line G2 in the view. When the procedure shown in Figs. 4B to ~~4D~~ 4C is repeated, the double-split cage 1 can be successively manufactured.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 9, of the specification as follows:

~~Fig. 4 is~~Figs. 4A-4C show a schematic illustration showing a procedure of manufacturing the double-split cage of Fig. 1.